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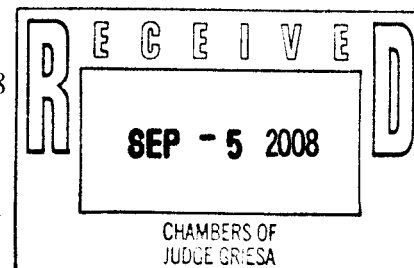
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Honorable Thomas P. Griesa
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1630
New York, New York 10007

Re: DiMaria v. Artus
08 Civ. 4547 (TPG)

Your Honor:

Yesterday, this Office received a copy of Your Honor's Order dated August 5, 2008 from Assistant Attorney General Ashlyn Dannelly. Pursuant to your order, the response date for the above-captioned habeas petition is September 5, 2008. I am the Assistant District Attorney assigned to answer the petition. As a supervising attorney in the Appeals Bureau of the Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County, I carry a full appellate caseload in addition to my duties supervising Assistant District Attorneys and support staff. In light of my existing responsibilities and the timing of our receipt of your order, I am unable to frame an adequate response to petitioner-appellant's *pro se* habeas petition by the current filing deadline, and, therefore, request an extension to December 5, 2008. This is respondent's first request for this relief. I have neither sought nor received consent from my incarcerated *pro se* adversary.

Sincerely,

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